

## SEEK WOMEN IN PLOT TO SINK SHIPS

**Secret Service Men Start Work of Unearthing Members of Gang—Three Alleged Leaders Are Held.**

**FAY CONFESSES PART HE PLAYED IN PLOT**

**Aided by German Secret Service, But Got No Help From Embassy in United States.**

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—A third German was arrested today in the investigation of the alleged plot to blow up ships at sea carrying war supplies to the allies. He is Paul Daeche, a graduate of the Cologne university, and is held as a material witness against Robert Fay, a German army officer, and Walter Scholz, who were arrested at Weehawken, N. J., yesterday.

Dr. Albert Edler, secretary to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, denied that any of the men arrested were connected with the German embassy or were even known there.

The prisoners were arraigned before Magistrate Rander in Weehawken and remanded to jail without bail for 24 hours on request of the federal authorities. They will be arraigned again tomorrow charged with conspiracy and having explosives in their possession unlawfully.

Fay confessed today that he had come to the United States for the purpose of blowing up merchant ships leaving this country for Europe with arms and ammunition for the allies.

He declared that his passage to America had been arranged by the German secret service and that he got into the country last April without any difficulty.

The prisoner said he had appealed to Capt. von Pape, military attaché to the German embassy in this country, but had been warned not to interfere with ships or munitions factories in this country. However, Capt. von Pape gave Fay permission to do what he could in Canada.

"I acted solely upon my own responsibility and I had no connection whatsoever with the German embassy," said Fay.

Fay made his statement in the presence of Chief of Police Patrick McCann of Weehawken. While he was talking, Walter Scholz, an alleged confederate, and Paul Daeche, a material witness, were in a nearby cell.

**Hunt Others in Plot.**  
Government secret service agents raked New York and nearby towns for evidence to connect other persons with the alleged plot to place infernal machines on ships carrying war supplies to the allies.

According to the men in charge of the investigation the conspiracy is widespread, extending to many parts of the country. Some clues unearthed indicate that a number of women were members of the band.

Detectives are making efforts to connect the activities of Fay and his companion with numerous explosions that have occurred on munitions ships and fires in plants manufacturing powder and other war supplies for the allies.

Fay had \$450 in new 20-dollar bills and gold in his trunk and \$20 in his pocket. After searching his rooms

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## THINK DEATH IS RESULT OF FEUD

**St. Louis Attorney Is Found Dead in Room—Skull Crushed.**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 25.—Robert L. Rowden, an attorney, was found hanged to death in his rooms yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock by his bride of eight days, Dr. Elizabeth Smith Rowden, with whom he eloped from Kansas City a week ago Friday. The murder is believed by Rowden's friends to have been the result of a feud in which two of Rowden's relatives were slain in Vienna, Mo., a few months ago.

Rowden's skull was crushed, evidently with a hatchet or an axe and there were 13 wounds in the scalp, the most serious of which was inflicted from the back while the lawyer still had his hat on, after entering his three-room apartment.

His pockets were turned inside out and his watch was missing. The key with which he had unlocked the door to his rooms a moment before he was slain, lay a few inches from his right hand.

At the morgue a white handkerchief was extracted from the dead man's throat. A second handkerchief which also had been stuffed into his mouth but which he had managed to remove, was found within a few inches of his head.

It was said at the morgue that the condition of the body indicated Rowden had been dead between 10 and 20 hours when found.

## TWO FRANCHISES ARE GRANTED ELECTRIC CO.

**Commissioners Allow Petitions to Extend Wires—Will Buy Guide Posts.**

Two franchises to the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. to carry tension wires along the public highways were granted Monday by the county commissioners. The first franchise enables the power company to transmit its current from the station at Twin Branch to Mishawaka, and the other permits them to carry it along the highway to Lakeville which is to be supplied with electricity from the local concern.

Contracts for making guide posts were let at the meeting. The George H. Cutter Co., a local concern, received the contracts. Forty-two road signs costing \$7.50 each and totalling \$312.90 and 42 signs costing \$2.50 each and totalling \$105 are to be built. Agitation to have signs erected at "four corners" along country roads has been going on during the past summer, the Northern Indiana Motor club backing the proposition. The club presented a number of petitions bearing many signatures to the commissioners asking that the signs be erected. The letting of the contracts Monday is the outcome of the pressure brought to bear by local automobilists.

A remonstrance against the utility of vacating an Olive Township highway, which is under consideration by the county commissioners was presented at the meeting Monday morning. The remonstrance was not acted upon.

## LOCAL EXHIBIT WILL BE ONE OF LARGEST

**Thirty Feet of Wall Space Will be Required For Federation's Display.**

Thirty feet of wall space will be required for the display of the exhibit sent to Richmond, Ind., Monday night by the South Bend Federation for Social Service. This exhibit probably will be the largest single exhibit at the state conference of charities and corrections, which is to be held from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2, and it will prove a drawing card for the delegates in the bid for the 1916 convention.

It is expected that there will be 10 delegates from this city. There will be a total of 500 delegates at the conference. The South Bend federation will have a poster, 3x15 feet, as part of their display, bearing the words "South Bend Federation for Social Service 1915. Come to South Bend 1916." Beneath this will be a space 30 feet by 66 inches, containing cards with the individual exhibits. The Municipal Recreation committee will have 10 cards; the Associated Charities, eight; Children's Dispensary, six; Y. W. C. A., two, and the federation.

## COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT

**Peddlers Will Petition Body For Police Powers.**

Very few matters of importance are scheduled to come before the common council at the regular meeting tonight. It is probable that a petition will be presented by half a dozen peddlers asking for police protection in Warsaw and on the west side where they claim they have been attacked and had their goods stolen from them. Another petition asking for a light at E. Sample and S. Clinton sts., will be presented to the council.

Two ordinances will come up for first reading. One provides for naming the court between Thomas and Scott sts., as Hoose et al., and the other appropriates \$16.65 to the board of park commissioners with which to pay the park board's share of the Michigan st. improvement along Leeper park.

## BOARD AWARDS CONTRACT

**H. N. Barnes Will Do Work on Leeper Av.**

The contract for the improvement of Leeper av., has been awarded to H. N. Barnes by the board of public works. The cost of the work will amount to a little more than \$12,000. According to the specifications for the work the first 1,000 feet of the street, from Howard st. to the foot of the hill, will be of bituminous sand and macadam. The top of the hill will be glutin bound and the remainder of macadam.

## "I WAS ILL, YOUR HONOR"

**Old, Old Story Fails to Secure Leniency in City Court.**

Four of the seven men charged with intoxication in city court Monday morning, told Judge Herbert S. Warner that they had consumed various amounts of liquor on account of different physical ailments. The well-worn tales failed to induce any considerable amount of sympathy from the judge and four of the defendants were fined \$5 and costs while the other three went free under suspended judgment.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John Shaiki, machine shop oiler, South Chicago, Ill.; Agnes Palicki, seamstress.

George A. Toth, machinist; Johanna Doetsch.

## WANT A POSITION?

The News-Times believes in helping the man or woman out of a job and indignantly seeking a new one, to get it.

All "Situation Wanted" advertisements, when paid for in advance, will be accepted to run three times for the price of one, and seven times for the price of three.

Insert your "Situation Wanted" ad in the NEWS-TIMES.

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## GIRLS BURN TO DEATH IN FACTORY FIRE

**Workers Are Caught in Paper Box Plant When Flames Which Started in Feed Store Spread.**

**ONE GIRL DIES AFTER REACHING HOSPITAL**

**Three Firemen Are Injured. Two Are Caught by Falling Debris While Inside the Building.**

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 25.—Sixteen bodies have been recovered from the burning factory of the Union Paper Box Co. in Sandusky st. at 2:15 this afternoon. Seventeen girl employees of the box factory are still missing and believed to have perished in the flames.

Three alarms have been turned in and the full fire fighting force of the city is at the scene of the blaze.

The fire started following an explosion in the feed store of James Brown & Co., which occupies the first floor of the building.

One girl, rescued by firemen after she had been badly burned, died in the Allegheny hospital shortly after 2 o'clock.

Four bodies, badly charred, were brought from the third floor of the factory by firemen, at 2:10 o'clock. Thus far, physicians have been unable to tell whether they are bodies of men or of women.

Mayor Armstrong arrived at the scene of the fire just as the fourth body was brought forth. He is directing the work of the police.

With 14 known to be still in the building, the roof seemed about to cave in when the mayor arrived.

Three firemen had been injured up to 2:15 o'clock. One was hurt when an automobile fire truck overturned in responding to the second alarm. The others were injured by falling debris inside the building. Several of the fire fighters have been overcome by smoke.

At 2:15 p. m. Henry P. Schaeffer, superintendent of the Union Box factory, stated that 26 girls and six men were still inside the burning building.

Behind the Union Paper Box Co. the building is occupied by the Steel Stove and Heater Co., the American Electro-Plating Co., and the harness shop of James Pollock. The box factory was located on the third and fourth floors.

Thirty-six girls were employed by the paper box company.

At 2:25 the body of Peter Valien, an Italian employed by the paper box company, was found dead near a window on the fourth floor.

**Saw Seven Girls Jump.**  
Mrs. Jennie Harris reported that she saw seven girls jump from the building from the windows on the third floor to the roof of the one-story buildings adjoining the feed store. She said that she had seen a number of girls at windows who were afraid to jump. In a few minutes the view of Mrs. Harris was obstructed by clouds of smoke.

That more girls were not saved without injury was due to the fact that a fire escape upon which the employees of the box factory were about to descend, fell as one stepped upon it.

While the girls were at the windows a man of Cleveland, O., who gave his name as C. R. Cardie, grabbed a rope from a wagon, quickly uncoiled the line and threw the end of it to eager hands on the second floor.

One of the girls made the rope fast on the inside and five girls escaped safely to the sidewalk. Three others who were on the outside in using the rope fell. One of the employees of the buildings made an effort to throw a rope to the imprisoned girls on the third floor but was unsuccessful.

## MRS. SCHUYLER IS DEAD

**Widow of Grandson of Revolutionary War Leader.**

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Mrs. Philip Schuyler, widow of the late Gen. Philip Schuyler, a grandson of the famous Revolutionary war leader, died today at her home in Ardsley-on-the-Hudson. Her husband, an associate of the late J. P. Morgan, was killed in a train wreck in 1906.

## BET THAT CHARLTON WILL BE FREED SOON

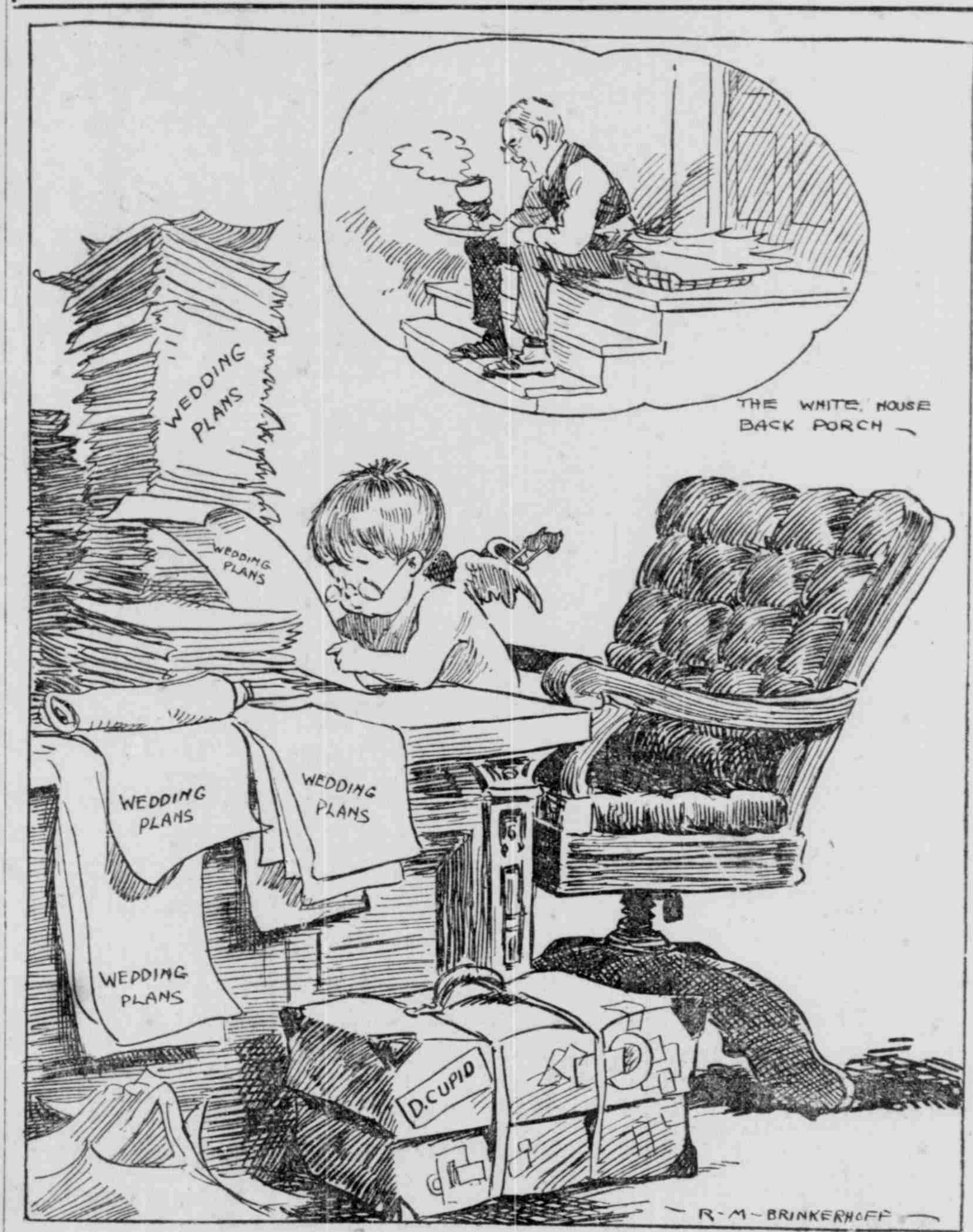
COMO, Italy, Oct. 25.—Bets of two to one were made here today that Porter Charlton would be free within 24 hours after the conclusion of his trial for the murder of his wife. The trial has gone on since the defense prosecution had agreed upon a verdict of "guilty, with extenuating circumstances," and the Italian gamblers' fraternity accepted it as correct.

Under such a verdict a defendant would be subject to a sentence of imprisonment for six years. Charlton had been in prison five years and four months yesterday and with the year's reduction granted by royal decree at the beginning of the war the prison term would be completed.

Many women were in court today when he was reconvened for final arguments.

Two of them brought bouquets of flowers for the prisoner.

## THE NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE



## MEMBER OF MEX GANG CONFESSES

**Gives Names of Men Who Wrecked Passenger Train at Brownsville.**

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Oct. 25.—A Mexican who was arrested on the border on Saturday, today confessed the names of the band that wrecked a passenger train near here last Monday night, robbing the passengers and killing two of them. All the members of the band were Mexicans and were assisted to escape by Mexicans living on the United States side of the Rio Grande, according to the prisoner. The tools used to remove the rails were brought from Matamoros.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The Mexican band who were engaged with United States troops near Brownsville, Texas, yesterday tried to destroy a railroad trestle according to a report to the war department today from Col. Blockson. One United States soldier was wounded in the engagement. Col. Blockson says there were about 25 Mexicans in the raiding party.

Gen. Villa is to be offered safe and indefinite asylum in the United States on condition that he abandon his opposition to the administration plan for the pacification of Mexico. It was learned at the state department today that this means, of course, he shall cease all revolutionary propaganda while in this country.

The effect of Villa's exile in this

## All Culver's Famous Black Horses Meet Death in Fire

Special to The News-Times.  
CULVER, Ind., Oct. 25.—Every one of the 65 horses of the famous Culver academy black horse troop was burned to death late Sunday night. The fire, which was of mysterious origin, was discovered shortly before midnight by the night watchman but was then beyond control and it was impossible to save any of the animals in the barn or any of the equipment of the troop.

The total damage is estimated by officials of the academy to be about \$30,000. In addition to the loss of the horses, which were the pick of cavalry material of the country and valued at from \$200 to \$500 each, all the saddles, blankets and other equipment of the troop were destroyed.

When the fire was discovered by the watchman the entire building was in flames and before the cadets could be summoned and the Culver fire department brought into action, the blaze was beyond control. The scene was the most thrilling ever witnessed in Culver as many daring efforts were made by the cadets to rescue their horses whose terrified screams could be heard for a great distance.

Although several of the would-be rescuers managed to enter the burning barns they were unable to bring any of the horses out of the fire.

The Culver black horse troops had gained a wide reputation throughout this country and even across the waters because of its superior training and beauty. The horses were selected with the greatest of care in order that each might be as much alike as the other as possible. All were pure black in color.

## SHIP IS AFIRE AT SEA

**Crew of Colorado Picked Up by Passenger Vessel.**

CHARLESTON, S. C., Oct. 25.—Wireless advices received here from the steamer Suwanee state the Mallory liner Colorado is afire off Cape Roman, some 30 miles north of Charleston and had been abandoned. The crew was picked up by a Merchants and Miners steamer, name unknown.

The Colorado left here last night with a load of 6,000 bales of cotton, bound for New York. Two tugs have gone from here to her assistance.

## ZEALANDIA IS FOUND

**Said to Have Arrived at Obscure Port in Yucatan.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The steamer Zealandia, which is reported to have been converted into a German commerce raider, has arrived at an obscure port in Yucatan, according to confidential advices reaching here this afternoon.

It was stated that most of the crew were Germans. The destination of the vessel could not be learned, it was said.

## VENICE ATTACKED BY AUSTRIAN AVIATORS

**ADMIT LOSSES.**

PETROGRAD, Oct. 25.—Russian troops northwest of Dvinsk have retired to the east bank of the Dvinsk river following the capture of Illuxt by the Germans, it was officially admitted today.

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## ABANDON SHIP.

MILFORD HAVEN, Wales, Oct. 25.—The Norwegian freighter, Ydun, 1,246 tons, was in collision with a British ship off Tuscary today, and was abandoned in a sinking condition. She was on her way from Nova Scotia to Liverpool with lumber. The Ydun sank shortly afterward.

## HEAVY GUNS ARE SHELLING DVINSK

**Germans Are Only Nine Miles Away From Russian City. Capture is Imminent.**

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—German troops are only nine miles from Dvinsk, the important Russian city on the Dvina river, against which they have been driving for months.

From Illuxt, the capture of which by the Germans was announced yesterday, heavy howitzers are being moved into position to bombard the Russian forts defending Dvinsk. The fall of Dvinsk is believed to be imminent.

From three sides the Russian positions defending Dvinsk are being raked by a terrific artillery fire. Every grade of guns from 12 inch howitzers down are being used. Sixteen guns from the Austrian army, which were used to batter down the defenses of Ivangorod and Novo Georgievsk, are now being used against the fortress of Dvinsk.

The Russians in Illuxt have been compelled to fall back enabling the Germans to attack the forts on the north and west of the city as well as those on the south.

The Lihva railroad is now practically all in German hands.

On the eastern side of Dvinsk there is only one railway line open for a Russian retreat.

Russian forces on the western bank of the Dvina have been cut in two northwest of Dvinsk, leaving many prisoners and much war material in the hands of the Germans.

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## SERBS CHECK ADVANCE OF BULGAR ARMY

**French Force Joins Ally at Krivopalak and Aid in Fighting. Believe Line Will be Kept Open.**

**SOLDIERS KILLED BY FIRE FROM WARSHIPS**

**Fire Started at Dedeagatch Still Burning—Many Government Buildings Are Wrecked.**

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Strumitza has been evacuated by the Bulgarians, according to an Exchange Telegraph Co. dispatch from Athens today. The French losses were a commanding officer and 30 men killed and two officers and 250 men wounded. A violent artillery duel is raging at Demirkapu.

SALONIKA, (Via Paris), Oct. 25.—Aeroplane from the Anglo-French army have bombarded both Dedeagatch and the port of Lagos, on the Aegean coast of Bulgaria, doing enormous damage. High angle guns proved ineffective against the air invaders.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—All the entente powers have joined in a new demand that Greece make a definite decision at once as to whether it shall support Germany or the allies, says a dispatch from Athens. Ex-premier Venizelos has summoned all his supporters to Athens.

**DEFEAT BULGARS.**  
ATHENS, Oct. 25.—The left flank of the Bulgarian army in Serbia has been crushed and the Bulgar offensive in the region of Velez (Koprulu) has been completely checked, it was announced today by the Serbian legation.

The French and Serbian armies have formed a junction at Krivopalak and are operating in conjunction against the Bulgars.

Krivopalak lies on the Vardar river and the Salonika-Nish railway. It is six miles south of Ieth.

Serbian military authorities are confident that the Bulgarians will be driven back from the Salonika-Nish railway and the line will be kept open for the movement of Anglo-French forces into central Serbia.

Furious fighting with French, Serbians and Bulgarians engaged, is in progress around Velez and Ueskub and southwest of Strumitza.

**Fire Still Raging.**  
Fire which resulted from heavy shelling which was hurled into Dedeagatch by the allies fleet is still raging there after destroying a large part of the Bulgarian port, according to reports received from Salonika.

More than 3,000 Bulgarian soldiers are said to have been burned to death when their barracks on the outskirts of Dedeagatch was destroyed by the first five shells fired by the English warships. The ruins caught fire and all the Bulgarians who had been trapped in the shattered building perished.

The bombardment deprived the

## AUSTRIAN FIRST LINE IS BROKEN

**Italians Are Now Pounding Away on Second Line of Defenses.**

ROME, Oct. 25.—Italian troops have shattered the Austrians' first line defenses in nearly every sector along the great battle front and are now attacking the second line with marked success. At several points even the second line has been pierced.

King Victor Emmanuel, made a flight of 50 miles along the front Sunday in a military aeroplane, visiting the chief positions captured from the Austrians and personally congratulating the troops. The aeroplane was fired upon five times by the Austrian gunners, but the pilot of the machine was one of the most skilful in the army and he kept it out of range of the shells.

Austrian prisoners are passing in a steady stream through towns behind the Italian lines. Many of the prisoners are veterans of Austrian campaigns on other fronts, but they agree that the bombardment with which the Italians pressed their infantry attack was the most terrific they had ever witnessed.

For a week the Italian gunners hammered the entrenchments of the enemy, blowing great holes where the Austrians had constructed their strongest defenses.

The general offensive by the Italian troops had been well planned in advance and it is believed because of this that Italy has been able to send troops to aid Serbia.

The Italian army is concentrated for the blows that are to be administered during the next few weeks. In other ways, however, Italy will aid her allies in the Balkans. Steamers for the transportation of troops have been turned over to the other allies.